also forwarded to Government of Maharashtra for taking remedial action as per the guidelines.

Electrification of Bedgaon in U.P.

561. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages in the hill regions of Uttar pradesh are still unelectrified even after fifty years of Independence, if so, the reasons therefor;;

(b) whether village Bedgaon in Block kalzikhar has not been selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee, inspite of its large population, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the above village is likely to be selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee; and

(d) the guidelines followed for constituting the Advisory Committee in the above region alongwith the reasons for its failure to recommend the electrification requirement of the above village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As reported by the UPSEB, out of the 15166 villages in the hilly region of Uttar Pradesh, 11744 villages have been electrified till the end of March 1996. The UPSEB has reported that 3422 villages remain to be electrified due to paucity of funds and lower target for village electrification.

(b) to (d) The UPSEB has reported that village Bedgaon in Block Kalzikhal with a population of 340 has not been electrified so far. They have also reported that the selection of villages for village electrification was done by the Advisory Committee upto 1994-95 and by the District Magistrate of pauri Garhwal for the last 2 years. UPSEB have also reported that they have decided that during 1996-97 only Ambedkar and Gandhi villages selected by the District Magistrates concerned will be electrified. The policies for the selection of villages for electrification are framed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Shortage of Drinking Water and Poor Maintenance of Government Quarters by CPWD

562. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residents of Government quarters attached to CGHS dispensary, Daryaganj, are facing acute shortage of drinking water since 24th May, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that day to day repairs of flats are not being carried out by the CPWD;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Asstt. Engineer (electrical), CPWD enquiry, Minto Road, New Delhi has refused to carry out the repairs and the higher authorities are also keeping silent in the matter; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against such officers/ officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The water supply in six quarters which are on the second floor over the CGHS Dispensary at Daryaganj is provided by M.C.D. However, since the pressure in M.C.D. lines is inadequate a pump was installed in the incoming pipeline of M.C.D. in order to ensure water supply to second floor. Complaints received in this regard on 24.5.96, 3.6.96 and 5.6.96 were attended to immediately. But, when a subsequent complain was received on 8.6.96 the motor was found burnt which took considerable time for repairs i.e. till 22.6.96 during which period the pressure was low and the supply was inadequate.

The motor after repair, was re-installed on 22.6.96. However the M.C.D. was instructed on 30.6.96 to improve the pressure in the lines.

(c) No Sir, necessary repairs have been carried out and the water supply is normal at present.

(d) No such case came to notice of the Government earlier.

(e) Does not arise.

Functioning of the All India Services

563. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of the All India Services—IAS and IPS has of late deteriorated sharply in some of the States;

(b) whether the morale of these services is very low and there are factions and group rivalries amongst them;

(c) whether senior officers of these services at the Centre have urged the Central Government to take immediate corrective measures; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SH. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) Phenomena such as deterioration in the functioning of the I.A.S. and I.P.S. and the morale of services are essentially qualitative in nature and the existence of group and factional rivalries are a matter of individual perceptions, involving value judgements. The Cabinet Secretary has held some meetings in the recent past to discuss issues such as reforms in the Civil Services. Reforms in Civil Services is, however, an ongoing process, the endeavour of the Government being to introduce such changes as are required to meet the new challenges, that the administrators face in the performance of their assigned duties.

Release of Tourists Abducted in Kashmir

564. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position regarding release of foreign tourists abducted by terrorists in Kashmir; and

(b) whether Government have cautioned tourists visiting Kashmir about the phenomena of abductions in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONAL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Government are keeping a close watch on the situation, and efforts are being continued to locate the whereabouts of the hostages, with a view to try and secure their safe release. However, no definite information is available about their present location, etc.

(b) Foreign and local tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir are advised to avoid going far flung and isolated areas which could be vulnerable to terrorist activities.

मधुबनी में रोजगार गारन्टी योजना

565. श्री रामदेव भंडारी: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में मधुबनी जिले में रोजगार गारंटी योजना के अन्तर्गत किन-किन प्रखण्डों (ब्लाकों) को शामिल किया गया है; और

(ख) उन प्रखण्डों को केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा उक्त योजना के अन्तर्गत दी गई राशि का प्रखंड-वार तथा वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चंद्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1994-95 तथा 1995-96 के दौरान सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत रिलीज निधियों तथा खण्डों के नामों